The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1.   A method of generating a dependent media item, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging, in an order, a sequence of EDL elements for a corresponding sequence of media items in a source media track, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the sequence of EDL elements are associated with track control attributes for the dependent media item; and

generating the dependent media item dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged.

2.   A method according to claim 1 comprising the further steps of:

re-ordering the sub-set of EDL elements; and

re-generating the dependent media item dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is re-ordered.

3.   A method according to claim 2, wherein the re-ordering step comprises deletion of at least one of the sub-set of EDL elements.

4.   A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein commencement of the dependent media item is dependent upon a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sub-set of the EDL elements.

5.   A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein commencement of the dependent media item is dependent upon a track control attribute associated with an EDL

element which is positioned in the sequence of EDL elements prior to a first EDL element in the ordered sub-set of the EDL elements.

6.   A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein termination of the dependent media item is dependent upon a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sub-set of the EDL elements.

7.   A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein termination of the dependent media item is dependent upon a track control attribute associated with an EDL element which is positioned in the sequence of EDL elements subsequent to a final EDL element in the sub-set of the EDL elements.

8.   A method according to claim 1, wherein the dependent media item is a graphical overlay that is copied from a template which is referenced by one of said track control elements.

9.   A method according to claim 8, wherein the copy of the template is transformed to thereby form the dependent media item.

10.   A method according to claim 1, wherein a said media item in the source track comprises a copy of a media item which is referenced by a corresponding said EDL element in the sequence.

11.   A method according to claim 10, wherein the copy of the media item is transformed to thereby form the media item in the source track.

12.   A method according to claim 1, wherein a said track control attribute comprises one of an attribute to activate the dependent media item and an attribute to deactivate the dependent media item.

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13.   An apparatus for generating a dependent media item, said apparatus comprising:

an editor for (i) arranging a sequence of EDL elements in an order, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the EDL elements are associated with track control attributes for the dependent media item, and (ii) producing a sequence of media items in a source track

10   dependent upon at least some of the sequence EDL elements; and

means for generating the dependent media item dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged.

14.   An apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the editor is adapted for re-ordering the

15   sub-set of EDL elements, and wherein said means for generating the dependent media item is adapted for re-generating the dependent media item dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is re-ordered.

15.   A set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for

20   directing a processor execute a procedure for generating a dependent media item, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging, in an order, a sequence of EDL elements for a corresponding sequence of media items in a source media track, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the sequence of EDL elements are associated with track control attributes for the dependent media item; and

generating the dependent media item dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged.

16. A set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for directing a processor execute a procedure for generating a dependent media item, said program comprising:

code for arranging, in an order, a sequence of EDL elements for a corresponding sequence of media items in a source media track, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the sequence of EDL elements are associated with track control attributes for the dependent media item; and

code for generating the dependent media item dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged.

17. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computer execute a procedure for generating a dependent media item, said program comprising:

code for arranging, in an order, a sequence of EDL elements for a corresponding sequence of media items in a source media track, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the sequence of EDL elements are associated with track control attributes for the dependent media item; and

code for generating the dependent media item dependent upon at least some of said track control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged.

18.   A media production comprising a sequence of media items in a source track and a dependent media item, the media items and the dependent media item having been formed by a method comprising the steps of:

arranging a sequence of EDL elements in an order, wherein at least an ordered sub-
5   set of the EDL elements are associated with track control attributes for the dependent media item;

producing the sequence of media items in the source track dependent upon at least some of the sequence EDL elements; and

generating the dependent media item dependent upon at least some of said track
10   control attributes and the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged.